

Net neutrality is the only option for a free and open internet.

When I pay my access fee, I am paying for the right to use the network of the provider, period. It's for me to decide the way I want to use this access. If I want to use it for Netflix I have already paid for the right. If the ISP charges Netflix for useable access, Netflix will have to charge more for me to use their service. If the ISPs want to become content providers they can easily make their competitors more costly to use. They just want to jump on the cable bandwagon, (keep raising rates cause there is no alternative).

The airwaves and public infrastructure that the ISPs are using belongs to the public. They are merely licensed to use it. What the public has said over and over again is we want a pipe to access the internet, not a pipe that is forcing us to buy services we don't want!

In Coeur d'Alene Idaho, I have two options for access, 95kbs from Frontier or 3mbps from Spectrum. Frontier is \$60.00/month for an unusable connection for streaming. Spectrum is \$60.00/month for a useable connection, but if I buy their programming the cost is \$70.00/month. So what they are saying is the cost for their programming is \$20.00/month.

I find this incredible because you can't get that much programming for \$20.00 anywhere. This suggests that I am paying for someone else to have content provided to them. It is fake accounting.

The Internet and all the ISPs and the whole of silicon valley have prospered incredibly by having the internet work freely and in the way of a dumb pipe. This is just a greedy power grab by the ISPs and nothing more. Net neutrality will not stifle growth. The ISPs will continue to build out and up because that's where the money is. They just won't be able to rape the customer like they have been envisioning.

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